

**SHELTER ANIMAL VACCINE AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Veterinary Practice Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ exempts an employee of an animal shelter, from the requirement to be licensed as a veterinarian for the purpose of administering a rabies vaccination to a shelter animal if the employee is under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian under contract with the animal shelter;

- ▶ exempts an animal shelter operating under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian from the requirement to obtain a license as a pharmacy for purposes of handling, storing, or administering a drug used for purposes of animal euthanasia; and

- ▶ exempts an animal shelter operating under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian under contract with the animal shelter from the requirement to obtain a license as a pharmacy for the purpose of handling, storing and administering a rabies vaccination.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-17b-309**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 278

30 **58-28-307**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 278



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32 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

33 Section 1. Section **58-17b-309** is amended to read:

34 **58-17b-309. Exemptions from licensure.**

35 (1) For purposes of this section:

36 (a) "Cosmetic drug":

37 (i) means a prescription drug that is:

38 (A) for the purpose of promoting attractiveness or altering the appearance of an  
39 individual; and

40 (B) listed as a cosmetic drug subject to the exemption under this section by the division  
41 by administrative rule or has been expressly approved for online dispensing, whether or not it is  
42 dispensed online or through a physician's office; and

43 (ii) does not include a prescription drug that is:

44 (A) a controlled substance;

45 (B) compounded by the physician; or

46 (C) prescribed or used for the patient for the purpose of diagnosing, curing, or  
47 preventing a disease.

48 (b) "Injectable weight loss drug":

49 (i) means an injectable prescription drug:

50 (A) prescribed to promote weight loss; and

51 (B) listed as an injectable prescription drug subject to exemption under this section by  
52 the division by administrative rule; and

53 (ii) does not include a prescription drug that is a controlled substance.

54 (c) "Prescribing practitioner" means an individual licensed under:

55 (i) Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, as an advanced practice registered nurse with  
56 prescriptive practice;

57 (ii) Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

58 (iii) Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or

59 (iv) Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act.

60 (2) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Sections 58-1-307 and  
61 58-17b-309.5, the following individuals may engage in the acts or practices described in this  
62 section without being licensed under this chapter:

63 (a) if the individual is described in Subsections (2)(b), (d), or (e), the individual  
64 notifies the division in writing of the individual's intent to dispense a drug under this  
65 subsection;

66 (b) a person selling or providing contact lenses in accordance with Section 58-16a-801;

67 (c) an individual engaging in the practice of pharmacy technician under the direct  
68 personal supervision of a pharmacist while making satisfactory progress in an approved  
69 program as defined in division rule;

70 (d) a prescribing practitioner who prescribes and dispenses a cosmetic drug or an  
71 injectable weight loss drug to the prescribing practitioner's patient in accordance with  
72 Subsection (4); [or]

73 (e) an optometrist, as defined in Section 58-16a-102, acting within the optometrist's  
74 scope of practice as defined in Section 58-16a-601, who prescribes and dispenses a cosmetic  
75 drug to the optometrist's patient in accordance with Subsection (4)[-]; and

76 (f) an animal shelter that:

77 (i) under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian, stores, handles, or administers a  
78 drug used for euthanising an animal; and

79 (ii) under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian who is under contract with the  
80 animal shelter, stores, handles, or administers a rabies vaccine.

81 (3) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-303(1)(a), an individual exempt under  
82 Subsection (2)(c) must take all examinations as required by division rule following completion  
83 of an approved curriculum of education, within the required time frame. This exemption  
84 expires immediately upon notification of a failing score of an examination, and the individual  
85 may not continue working as a pharmacy technician even under direct supervision.

86 (4) A prescribing practitioner or optometrist is exempt from licensing under the  
87 provisions of this part if the prescribing practitioner or optometrist:

88 (a) (i) writes a prescription for a drug the prescribing practitioner or optometrist has the  
89 authority to dispense under Subsection (4)(b); and

90 (ii) informs the patient:

91 (A) that the prescription may be filled at a pharmacy or dispensed in the prescribing  
92 practitioner's or optometrist's office;

93 (B) of the directions for appropriate use of the drug;

94 (C) of potential side-effects to the use of the drug; and

95 (D) how to contact the prescribing practitioner or optometrist if the patient has  
96 questions or concerns regarding the drug;

97 (b) dispenses a cosmetic drug or injectable weight loss drug only to the prescribing  
98 practitioner's patients or for an optometrist, dispenses a cosmetic drug only to the optometrist's  
99 patients;

100 (c) follows labeling, record keeping, patient counseling, storage, purchasing and  
101 distribution, operating, treatment, and quality of care requirements established by  
102 administrative rule adopted by the division in consultation with the boards listed in Subsection  
103 (5)(a); and

104 (d) follows USP-NF 797 standards for sterile compounding if the drug dispensed to  
105 patients is reconstituted or compounded.

106 (5) (a) The division, in consultation with the board under this chapter and the relevant  
107 professional board, including the Physician Licensing Board, the Osteopathic Physician  
108 Licensing Board, the Physician Assistant Licensing Board, the Board of Nursing, the  
109 Optometrist Licensing Board, or the Online Prescribing, Dispensing, and Facilitation Board,  
110 shall adopt administrative rules pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
111 Rulemaking Act to designate:

112 (i) the prescription drugs that may be dispensed as a cosmetic drug or weight loss drug  
113 under this section; and

114 (ii) the requirements under Subsection (4)(c).

115 (b) When making a determination under Subsection (1)(a), the division and boards  
116 listed in Subsection (5)(a) may consider any federal Food and Drug Administration indications  
117 or approval associated with a drug when adopting a rule to designate a prescription drug that  
118 may be dispensed under this section.

119 (c) The division may inspect the office of a prescribing practitioner or optometrist who  
120 is dispensing under the provisions of this section, in order to determine whether the prescribing  
121 practitioner or optometrist is in compliance with the provisions of this section. If a prescribing  
122 practitioner or optometrist chooses to dispense under the provisions of this section, the  
123 prescribing practitioner or optometrist consents to the jurisdiction of the division to inspect the  
124 prescribing practitioner's or optometrist's office and determine if the provisions of this section  
125 are being met by the prescribing practitioner or optometrist.

126 (d) If a prescribing practitioner or optometrist violates a provision of this section, the  
127 prescribing practitioner or optometrist may be subject to discipline under:

128 (i) this chapter; and

129 (ii) (A) Chapter 16a, Utah Optometry Practice Act;

130 (B) Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;

131 (C) Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

132 (D) Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;

133 (E) Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act; or

134 (F) Chapter 83, Online Prescribing, Dispensing, and Facilitation Act.

135 (6) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(e), this section does not restrict or limit the  
136 scope of practice of an optometrist or optometric physician licensed under Chapter 16a, Utah  
137 Optometry Practice Act.

138 Section 2. Section **58-28-307** is amended to read:

139 **58-28-307. Exemptions from chapter.**

140 In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section **58-1-307** this chapter does not  
141 apply to:

142 (1) any person who practices veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry upon any  
143 animal owned by him, and the employee of that person when the practice is upon an animal  
144 owned by his employer, and incidental to his employment, except:

145 (a) this exemption does not apply to any person, or his employee, when the ownership  
146 of an animal was acquired for the purpose of circumventing this chapter; and

147 (b) this exemption does not apply to the administration, dispensing, or prescribing of a  
148 prescription drug, or nonprescription drug intended for off label use, unless the administration,  
149 dispensing, or prescribing of the drug is obtained through an existing veterinarian-patient  
150 relationship;

151 (2) any person who as a student at a veterinary college approved by the board engages  
152 in the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry as part of his academic training  
153 and under the direct supervision and control of a licensed veterinarian, if that practice is during  
154 the last two years of the college course of instruction and does not exceed an 18-month  
155 duration;

156 (3) a veterinarian who is an officer or employee of the government of the United  
157 States, or the state, or its political subdivisions, and technicians under his supervision, while  
158 engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry for that government;

159 (4) any person while engaged in the vaccination of poultry, pullorum testing, typhoid  
160 testing of poultry, and related poultry disease control activity;

161 (5) any person who is engaged in bona fide and legitimate medical, dental,  
162 pharmaceutical, or other scientific research, if that practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, or  
163 dentistry is directly related to, and a necessary part of, that research;

164 (6) veterinarians licensed under the laws of another state rendering professional  
165 services in association with licensed veterinarians of this state for a period not to exceed 90  
166 days;

167 (7) registered pharmacists of this state engaged in the sale of veterinary supplies,  
168 instruments, and medicines, if the sale is at his regular place of business;

169 (8) any person in this state engaged in the sale of veterinary supplies, instruments, and

170 medicines, except prescription drugs which must be sold in compliance with state and federal  
171 regulations, if the supplies, instruments, and medicines are sold in original packages bearing  
172 adequate identification and directions for application and administration and the sale is made in  
173 the regular course of, and at the regular place of business;

174 (9) any person rendering emergency first aid to animals in those areas where a licensed  
175 veterinarian is not available, and if suspicious reportable diseases are reported immediately to  
176 the state veterinarian;

177 (10) any person performing or teaching nonsurgical bovine artificial insemination;

178 (11) any person affiliated with an institution of higher education who teaches  
179 nonsurgical bovine embryo transfer or any technician trained by or approved by an institution  
180 of higher education who performs nonsurgical bovine embryo transfer, but only if any  
181 prescription drug used in the procedure is prescribed and administered under the direction of a  
182 veterinarian licensed to practice in Utah;

183 (12) (a) upon written referral by a licensed veterinarian, the practice of animal  
184 chiropractic by a chiropractic physician licensed under Chapter 73, Chiropractic Physician  
185 Practice Act, who has completed an animal chiropractic course approved by the American  
186 Veterinary Chiropractic Association or the division;

187 (b) upon written referral by a licensed veterinarian, the practice of animal physical  
188 therapy by a physical therapist licensed under Chapter 24b, Physical Therapy Practice Act, who  
189 has completed at least 100 hours of animal physical therapy training, including quadruped  
190 anatomy and hands-on training, approved by the division;

191 (c) upon written referral by a licensed veterinarian, the practice of animal massage  
192 therapy by a massage therapist licensed under Chapter 47b, Massage Therapy Practice Act,  
193 who has completed at least 60 hours of animal massage therapy training, including quadruped  
194 anatomy and hands-on training, approved by the division; and

195 (d) upon written referral by a licensed veterinarian, the practice of acupuncture by an  
196 acupuncturist licensed under Chapter 72, Acupuncture Licensing Act, who has completed a  
197 course of study on animal acupuncture approved by the division;

198           (13) unlicensed assistive personnel performing duties appropriately delegated to the  
199 unlicensed assistive personnel in accordance with Section [58-28-502](#);

200           (14) an animal shelter employee who is:

201           (a) (i) acting under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian; and

202           ~~(b)~~ (ii) performing animal euthanasia in the course and scope of employment; and

203           (b) acting under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian who is under contract with

204 the animal shelter, administering a rabies vaccine to a shelter animal in accordance with the

205 Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control; and

206           (15) an individual providing appropriate training for animals; however, this exception

207 does not include diagnosing any medical condition, or prescribing or dispensing any

208 prescription drugs or therapeutics.